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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT CH  
SUBJ: MYSTERY IN FOOCHOW

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. FEBRUARY 17 PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIES ON PAGE FOUR BRIEF  
OBITUARY ON FOOCHOW PLA CHIEF OF STAFF HO CHIA-CHAN, WHO  
IS SAID TO HAVE "UNFORTUNATELYDIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY"  
(OR "DIED A MARTYR") ON OCTOBER 29, 1977 AT THEAGE OF 60.
2. WHEN FUKIEN PROVINCIAL RADIO BROADCAST A NEWS STORY ON  
THE NOVEMBER 5 MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HO, HOWEVER, THE  
LATE CHIEF OF STAFF WAS SAID TO HAVE DIED OF A HEART ATTACK.
3. COMMENT: BELATED PUBLICATION IN PEOPLE'S DAILY OF THE  
OBITUARY MAY REFLECT AN OVERTURNING OF VERDICTS OF SORTS,  
PERHAPS THE RESULT OF AN INVESTIGATION SUPERVISED BY  
PLA DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF YANG CHENG-WU, WHOSE FIRST APPEARANCE  
IN FUKIEN WAS NOTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR  
HO. THE DEATH IN LINE OF DUTY DURING JULY 1976 OF FORMER  
FOOCHOW MR COMMANDER PI TING-CHUN REMAINS THE SUBJECT OF  
CONTINUING GOSSIP IN FUKIEN, A PROVINCE LONG TROUBLED BY  
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